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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is respectfully requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified patent application.

- 1. U.S. Patent No. 6,395,433, dated May 28, 2002, issued to Smith;
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 6,309,780, dated October 30, 2001, issued to Smith;
- 3. Burn, J. Lin, "The Attenuated Phase-Shifting Mask", Solid State Technology, January 1992, pp. 43-47; and

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November/December 1999, pp. 3273-3279.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the enclosed Form

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